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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10 a.m.

## Senate

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Honorable MARTIN HEINRICH, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

### PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, the Reverend Lisa Schultz, Church of the Advent, Washington, DC.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our hope for the years to come, we praise You that You have rescued our Nation throughout its history. Through dangers, toils, and snares, You have sustained this land we love. Through wars, drought, and pestilence, You have been a fortress for our faith.

Lord, when all seemed hopeless, You have continued to be an unfailing bulwark. Continue to inspire our Senators with manifestations of Your wonderful love and power. Provide our lawmakers with the confidence to believe that You have not brought us safely this far to leave us.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, August 8, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARTIN HEINRICH, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. HEINRICH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, well, this afternoon we pick up where we left off last night. The Senate has voted to advance the bipartisan infrastructure

bill and bring debate on the substitute amendment to an end.

I would repeat that Democrats are ready and willing to vote on additional amendments to the bill before moving to final passage. Once again, that will require the cooperation of our Republican colleagues. I hope they will cooperate so we can move more quickly. Otherwise, we will proceed by the book and finish the bill.

I said yesterday that we could do this the easy way or the hard way. Yesterday, it appeared that some Republicans would like the Senate to do this the hard way. In any case, we will keep proceeding until we get this bill done.

### INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, on another related matter, as the Senate approaches final passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill, I want to shine a spotlight on a part of the legislative process that doesn't see the light often enough: the Office of the Senate Legislative Counsel.

There is an old political yarn that the legislative process is like watching sausage get made; you would rather not know.

Well, the Office of Legislative Counsel occupies a particularly difficult part of the sausage-making: turning Senators' broad outlines for legislation into specific and precise legislative language. It is a very hard job. For over a century, this group of hidden experts have had a hand in crafting every major piece of legislation introduced in this Chamber.

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